of Doordarshan, ifso, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the posts of lighting assistants are being abolished if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI. AJIT PANJA): (a) A statement showing di fferent Categories. of posts sanctioned tor Doordarshan and categories to which the avenues of promotion -ate available is enclosed as Annexure. *[See Appendix* CXLII, Annexure No. . 311. (b) No, Sir". Sound Recprdists|Erigi-
neering Assistants are deployed with Cameraman for Sound coverages.

(c) Yes, Sir. Forty-two posts of Lighting Assistants have been abolish ed keeping in view the changing needs
. of the service due to development in, *A* technology.

**Depredation in the value of the rupee**

*ms.* SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR • BIRLA: SHRl V. NARAYANASAMY: SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: , Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea-. sed to state; i

(a) what was the percentage of erosion in the rupee calue against the currencies of the major industrial countries and the neighbouring Asian countries, country-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what were the reasons *Sat* the continued) depreciation of the Indian., rupee;

(c) by what percentage, with the continued depreciation of the Indian rupee there was a rise in the payments on account of trade with the rupee-payment countries; and

(d) what. masures have been taken by Governehient to stabilize the rupee value in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The rupee exchange rates *vis-avis* currencies major industrial) countries as well as carrenjiies of the Asian neighbours on March 3^ 1984 and'March 31, 1987 and percentage changes in the rupee value in relation to these currencies during the last three years were as indicated to the table below:

*Rupee exchange rates,* vis-; a-vis *Major Industrial countries and the Neighbouring Asian countries*

(*Rs. per Unit of Foreign Currency*)

| Currencies | As on 31-3-87 | As on 31-3-84 | %APP (+)/DEP (—) of rupee as on 31-3-87 over 31-3-198b |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| U.S. Dollar | 12.8882 | 10.7315 | —16.73 |
| Pound Sterling | 20.75 | 15.55 | —25.06 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yen | 0.0881 | 0.0480 | −45.52 |
| Deutsche Mark | 7.1433 | 4.1505 | −41.90 |
| Swiss Franc | 6.3237 | 5.0040 | −20.87 |
| Pakistani Rupee | 0.7477 | 0.7995 | + 6.93 |
| Sri Lankan Rupee | 0.4496 | 0.4278 | −4.85 |
| Bangladeshi Taka | 0.4235 | 0.4304 | + 1.63 |
| Afghani | 0.2092 | 0.1571 | −24.90 |
| Nepalese Rupee | 0.5885 | 0.6844 | +16.30 |
| Burmese Kyat | 2.0182 | 1.3325 | −33.98 |

(b) to (d) The exchange rate of the rupee is fixed with reference to the value of a basket of currencies^ mainly of countries which are India's major trading partners. The exchange fates between the rupee and other currencies move upward or downward. depending upon the fluctuations in the value of these. currencies. In a regime of floating exchange rates^ it is neither possibIe*nor appropriate to make a forecast of any loss or gain to the country from trade/financial transac-. tions.

**lOTiring of army recruits by the Punjab extremists**

650. SHRI J. P.: GOYAL:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHA-WAHA: / Will the Minister of DEFENCE ' pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the mojjer by the Punjab extremists to lure/army recruits into taking up terrorist missions in that State; and

(b) if so; what measures have been taken by Government to check infil tration of extremists and terrorists; toto'the armed forces and to thwart their nefarious designs which have dangerous implications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY. OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are aware. of the danger of infiltration of extremists into the AnriSd Forces and have taken necessary measures to prevent it.

**New training programme at the BCA**

. 6-51. SHRI KAPIL VERMA.
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

, *(a)* whether Government have introduced! special training programme. at the IMA for the officers and other rank's in the army regarding the de* fensive aspects of a nuclear war in the context of the Pakistani threat; and

*(ft)* if $so_i$ what $ar_e$ the details thereof and Government's plans to further develop this programme?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The theoretical aspects of nuclear.. explosion